

Travelling, cities, countries...

Have you ever been abroad? Where have you been?

Are you afraid of going abroad alone?

Could you live in another country for the rest of your life?

Describe the most interesting person you met on one of your travels.

Do you prefer summer or winter holidays?

Do you prefer to travel in a group? Why/why not?

Have you ever been in a difficult situation while travelling?

Have you ever hitchhiked? If so, how many times and how was it?

What are some countries that you would never visit? Why would you not visit them?

What place do you want to visit someday?

If you were given an unlimited budget for a trip, where would you go and what would you do?

Do you think tourism is harmful for the planet?

What are some benefits of travel? Why do people travel?

DO YOU BUY SOUVENIRS WHEN YOU VISIT NEW PLACES?

WHAT IS YOUR GO-TO SOUVENIR FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY?

What makes a good souvenir?

On my desk at home, I have a collection of souvenirs; objects that **(0)** me of places I've visited and important events in my life. These objects include a model boat that I saw being **(1)** from a piece of wood on a Caribbean island, a piece of lava that **(2)** hot from a volcano in the year I was born, and a shell **(3)** on my favourite childhood beach.

(4) everything else, from which memory and detail fades, it is as if the longer you hold on to certain objects, the **(5)** their associations with the past become, and the sharper the recollections that gather around them. They are, **(6)** , real souvenirs, encapsulations not only of the place, but of your time in the place. But these days, the term 'real souvenirs' sounds like a contradiction in **(7)** , and this is because the objects sold to tourists as souvenirs are often cheap mass-produced imports that have nothing to **(8)** with the place at all.

It's often the **(9)** that the best souvenirs, like my shell, are found rather than purchased, but **(10)** for souvenirs can also be a fun holiday activity. But if you are buying souvenirs on holiday this summer, make sure they **(11)** the reality test. A good souvenir is not just made in the area where it is bought, it also says something about the culture of that area. It is something made by local people using sustainable local materials, and because you are effectively supporting the local economy, it shouldn't **(12)** too cheap, either.

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| 0 | A remind | B memorise | C remember | D commemorate |
| 1 | A sketched | B carved | C thrown | D scratched |
| 2 | A developed | B appeared | C emerged | D arrived |
| 3 | A found out | B bumped into | C come across | D picked up |
| 4 | A Opposite | B Dissimilar | C Unlike | D Different |
| 5 | A wider | B greater | C larger | D harder |
| 6 | A albeit | B otherwise | C whereas | D therefore |
| 7 | A terms | B meanings | C words | D names |
| 8 | A gain | B do | C make | D get |
| 9 | A point | B fact | C case | D truth |
| 10 | A browsing | B seeking | C surfing | D pursuing |
| 11 | A win | B take | C beat | D pass |
| 12 | A come | B charge | C go | D cost |

Travelling Expressions

Complete the sentences (1-14) with the expressions (a-n)

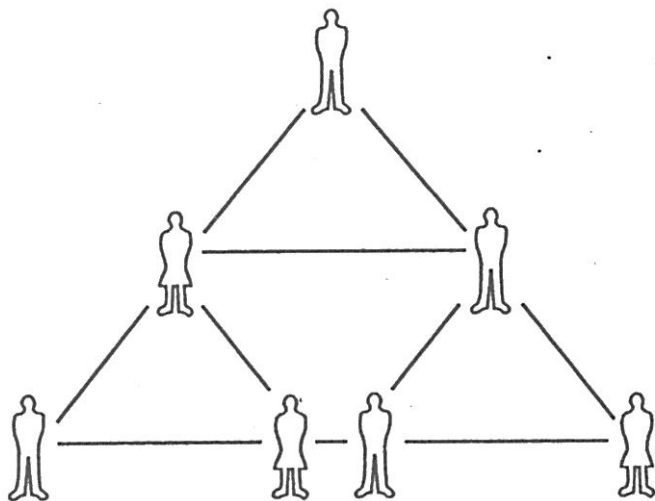
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. My friends always _____ they hitchhike and couchsurf everywhere.2. We had to get up _____ to catch the 4am sleeper train.3. My parents are real _____ they love museums, ancient ruins and art galleries.4. I'll meet up with you guys later, I'm gonna chill by the pool and _____ for a bit.5. When I'm on holiday I like to _____ I can't stand getting up late or lying around on the beach.6. My uncle always _____ when he goes on holiday, 5-star hotels, private beaches, pool parties, you name it.7. You have to _____ when you're travelling alone; there are a lot of dangerous people out there.8. When I went to India it was a real _____ for the first few days, you get used to it after a while though.9. I always try to _____, people always pack so much stuff they don't need.10. I _____ in Stockholm, the people are so friendly and they all speak English!11. I don't like planning my holidays meticulously, I'd rather just _____.12. I've definitely _____, I've only been home for a week and I'm already planning my next trip.13. There's nothing I like more than to sip a coffee in a nice Italian piazza and _____.14. I've lived in Berlin for 6 months, I'm not sure how much longer I'll stay, I'm starting to _____.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Get itchy feetb. Get the travel bugc. Culture vultured. Catch some rayse. Sit and watch the world go byf. Pack a lot in/Have a full plateg. See how the mood takes meh. Travel on a shoe stringi. Live it upj. A culture shockk. Feel right at homel. Watch your backm. Travel lightn. At the crack of dawn
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Discussion

1. Do you **travel light**? If so, how do you decide what to pack?
2. You have to **watch your back** when you're travelling alone; there are a lot of dangerous people out there. Do you agree?
3. Which place that you've visited was the biggest **culture shock**? Where did you **feel right at home**? Why?
4. Do you normally **travel on a shoestring** or **live it up**? How can you save money while travelling? Would you consider hitchhiking or couchsurfing?
5. Have you **got the travel bug**? Have you **got itchy feet**? If so, where's next on the list?
6. Do you like to **pack a lot in/have a full plate** or **see how the mood takes you** when you're travelling?
7. What's the perfect place to **sit and watch the world go by** for you?
8. How important is it for you to **catch some rays** when you're on holiday?
9. How do you choose a holiday destination? Are you a **culture vulture**?

Pyramid Discussion

Tourism and International Understanding



1 Which are the three main ways in which tourism helps to develop understanding between countries? Select from the list below. The order of the choices is not important.

- 1 contact between people helps understanding
- 2 increases cultural awareness
- 3 experience of different food, drink, etc.
- 4 develops a sense of historical awareness
- 5 cheaper travel enables more people to meet
- 6 national stereotypes or prejudices are broken down
- 7 different economic and social systems are more easily understood
- 8 interest in different ways of life is stimulated
- 9 the sale of more goods benefits countries
- 10 people are influenced by what they see

Finally, add any other ways you can think of to the list above.

2 How important do you think tourism is for international understanding? Write a brief discussion of the main points.